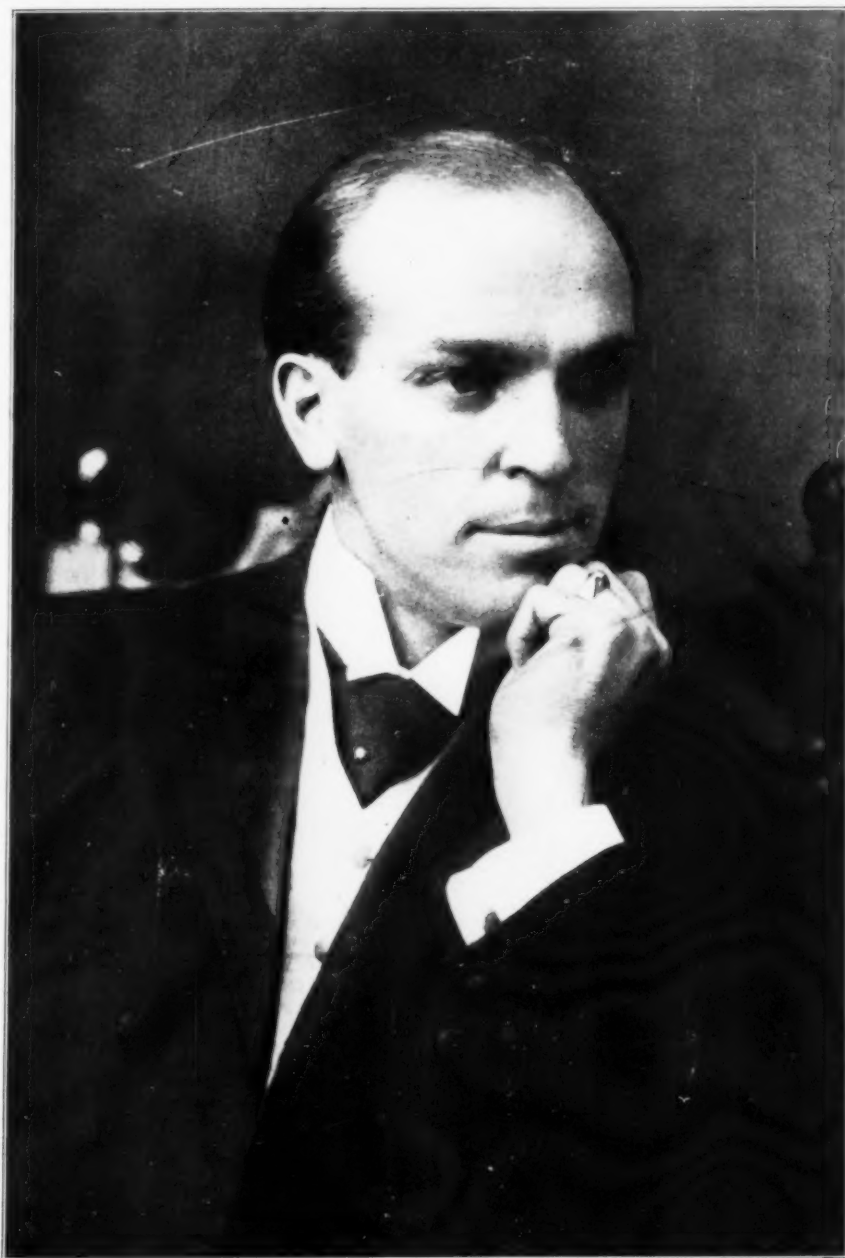


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As announced in last week's paper we open our columns for the promotion of what is to be known as the Larrabee Fund. All contributions sent in will be announced in this column and the money turned over to the Chicago Christian Missionary Society, which has the fund in charge.

Last Sunday an offering of ten dollars was made for this fund by the Monroe Street Church, and five dollars per month was pledged to be paid during the life of Bro. and Sister Larrabee.

Other churches will surely fall into line in this matter and be quickly heard from. Bro. H. Miles in a letter to the Christian Century asks, in view of Bro. Larrabee's activity in past years in the Sunday School work of the city. Would it not be a good idea to ask the Sunday Schools over the city to take up special collections for Brother Larrabee's benefit?"

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EVENTS OF THE WEEK

It will be remembered that H. H. Rogers, one of the Standard Oil barons, refused some time ago to answer certain questions asked by the attorney general of Missouri in regard to subsidiary companies of the Standard that were doing business in the state, pretending to be independent. The issue went to the Missouri Supreme court, which has decided that the questions must be answered. Rogers' counsel has applied for a rehearing, and seems to feel called upon to deny that said Rogers is a "contemptuous" witness. The public will be thankful for the information, for they had begun to think the fellow both contemptuous and contemptible,—if not beneath contempt. John D. Rockefeller, the head of the Standard, has been dodging a subpoena server for weeks, thus adding to his unfortunate reputation as a lawbreaker. Supreme Court Justice Wm. J. Gaynor of Brooklyn, speaking on "Corporate Abuses," said,—“What would a decent man here in this community do if he heard an officer were looking for him to testify in court? Would he hide in his house and have his wife and children and servants lie and say they did not know where he was? Would he hurry into some other state, or go aboard his yacht, if he had one, and put to sea to escape service? Or would he come forward like a decent man, and say, 'I am here'?”

In Chicago last week it was shown that aroused public sentiment is an irresistible force, — but what a shame that it requires intolerable conditions to arouse it! The records give Chicago the bad pre-eminence in crime, over all the other cities of the land, not excepting New York. Assaults and murders became so common that it was unsafe for a woman unattended to be on the streets, by night or day. One of the most fiendish assaults and murders ever heard of was committed in daylight.

No part of the city was entirely free from the reign of crime. Mass meetings of citizens in various parts of the city demanded that those in authority redouble their efforts to check lawbreakers. The excuse made by the authorities has been an inadequate police force. Immediately the people demanded an increase, and in order to defray the additional expense, the raising of saloon licenses from \$500 to \$1,000 a year. As usual, the liquor barons issued their edicts against it, and the fight was on, to see whether a popular assembly would serve the populace or the beer oligarchy. All the Chicago papers supported the move, and Tuesday morning the mayor had the pleasure of signing the bill. As to high license pro and con, we have nothing to say, but as long as saloons are operated, they ought to be made to pay the cost of the crime and disorder they breed. All such cost should be taxed against the business. “We can wipe out thuggery if we have the police,” said Chief Collins, “and I am going to see that it is done.”

According to sworn allegations in the district attorney's office in New York, there are men high in the Metropolitan Street Railway Company who have for years past bought and sold the jury boxes of the courts of New York county, and even purchased a Supreme Court justiceship. District Attorney Jerome refuses to prosecute, claiming that action is barred by the statute of limitations. There is only one thing that leads us to question the sincerity of Jerome,—he is a cigarette fiend. There is something of the degenerate about a man who will smoke cigarettes, and this man Jerome will soon finish his course, if indeed he has not been a “four-flusher” all the time. Tillinghast, a jury “fixer” for the street railway company, has been reading the Bible to his blind old mother, and as a consequence has been moved to make a confession. Thinking Jerome was the man, he went to him, whereat the district attorney promptly sent him to jail, and ignored the real criminals. It is planned to compel Jerome to prosecute.

There is little in the papers, or the or the magazines, except charges and counter charges of corruption. The boldness of high grade journals in attacking infamous wrongs is the talk of the hour. Collier's is after patent medicine fakes, Everybody's continues its insurance expose, and here comes our ancient friend, the Saturday Evening Post, with “The Cry of the Children,” the new slavery. It seems to be indeed “the age of clamor” as one of the apologists for vested interests stigmatized it, but a most righteous clamor. The fundamental fact is, we are in a new era, already. The individualist has had his day. While our grandparents were independent of the entire world, we are dependent upon the entire world. Mechanical power, improved means of transit and communication have shriveled the world, till nations touch elbows and jostle one another. Individualism and autocracy will fight to the death, and the fight has just begun. It finds one of its clearest illustrations in the contention for the control of life insurance millions. “Judge” Andrew Hamilton, the notorious legislative agent at Albany, has returned from Europe to tell all he knows about grafters and brigands. As a result, all Wall street is aquiver. The demand of the times is for men with courage and honesty, to lead the nation into the light. It is a magnificent opportunity for the churches.

Senator Tillman is undoubtedly the bete noir of the senate. In the midst of railroad attorneys, trust National Banks tools and mining magnates, he seems to stand as an honest man with some ability for constructive statesmanship. He appeared before the senate committee on privileges and elections

Saturday, to argue for his resolution providing for an investigation by that committee of his charge that national banks have been contributing to campaign funds. Names and localities are at present withheld, but he alleges that a national bank contributed \$17,000 to a certain campaign fund, and the money was used to influence an election. He will support his assertion by affidavits and documentary evidence. Spending stockholders' money to influence elections is a new charge against these national banks, but if Senator Tillman has his way, it will be investigated, and may be proved.

An official note, issued at the close of Wednesday's session of the Algeciras conference on Morocco, gives assurance of agreement: “Herr Von Radowitz, chief of the German mission, referring to the statements made by the Russian, French and Spanish delegates, at the last session of the conference, says the German government did not object to the organization of the Moroccan police by France and Spain, at the ports open to commerce under proper guarantees securing economic liberty.” M. Rouvier wired the French delegates that the resignation of the cabinet left previous instructions unchanged.

M. Rouvier was popular with German statesmen, who therefore regret the fall of his ministry. President Fallieres is finding some difficulty in securing another minister to form a cabinet. A strong reaction had set in in favor of M. Rouvier, who says, “Like Jules Ferry, my success will be realized after I was defeated.” The change will affect only the internal politics of France. In the discussion of the naval budget in the chamber of deputies M. Lockroy, former minister of marine, made a powerful appeal for the strengthening of the navy, arousing the enthusiasm of the whole house. He pointed out that if the present program of France is not augmented, she will soon be outstripped by Germany.

A Dowie disciple dies in child-birth in Chicago, refusing medical aid offered by the city.—A group of

Briefs. political reformers met at the home of J. G. Phelps-Stokes at Norton Point, Conn., to devise a policy to save the nation. They failed to agree.—Senator Hale declared that a war against China was contemplated by this country.—In view of the revelations of political contributions by corporations, Homer L. Castle says the president and Mr. Cortelyou both lied when they denied Judge Parker's charge.—Ohio house of representatives passed a bill establishing a railway rate commission.—Prospects for the rate bill in the senate do not brighten.—The 99-year claims of the street railway companies of Chicago have been held invalid by the Supreme Court and the way is made clearer for I. M. O.

EDITORIAL

In Essentials, UNITY; In Non-Essentials, LIBERTY; In all Things, CHARITY

THREE IMPORTANT QUESTIONS

The annual congress of the Disciples has come to fill an important place in the yearly calendar of our people. It had its inception in a small gathering of some of our leading preachers and educators in a quiet summer assembly a few years ago. The feeling there expressed, that the national conventions did not provide time or place for the discussion of important matters of belief and teaching, issued in the selection of a committee to arrange for a congress. From that time to this these annual gatherings have deepened in interest and value.

They provide an admirable occasion for the discussion of the most vital questions before us. Three such are on the program this year. They are "Union with the Baptists," "Christian Education" and "Evangelism." The first is timely because the spirit of union is in the air, and the Disciples by their history and plea are committed to every effort toward its realization. The Disciples and Baptists were at one time united. Their separation was one of the unfortunate incidents of religious history. Shall there be a reuniting of these severed parts of the body of Christ? The congress will help to solve the problem. Closely connected with this movement is that of Christian union in general, and our attitude toward it. It is quite apparent that the last word has not been spoken on the subject yet.

The second topic is Christian Education. This involves the work of the colleges, but also the relation of every church and Sunday school to the right principles of religious instruction. It is not the methods of teaching that need consideration so much as the underlying principles involved and the ideals toward which progress is being made. There is no minister or teacher who is in any true manner sensitive to the widespread effort in behalf of a saner religious education who will not wish to be present at the sessions which are devoted to this theme.

Then there is the great subject of Evangelism. It is the important task of the church. It spells growth and vitality in its work. What constitutes the true evangelism? For it is evident that not all evangelism strengthens the church. The right answer to this important question will be the closing feature of the congress.

The themes to be discussed are the most important now before us. The men who will deal with them are among our ablest. The open discussion of the papers will be full of spirit and inspiration. The hospitality of the Indianapolis churches is hearty. All signs promise the best congress in our history.

Look over the program on another page and prepare to enjoy the sessions by reading some of the books suggested by the men who treat the themes.

H. L. W.

CHICAGO'S ANTI-SALOON CAMPAIGN.

During the past few weeks the citizens of Chicago have been greatly stirred by the repeated acts of violence perpetrated by thugs and hold-up men, not only in thinly populated portions of the city, but

on important streets and even in homes. In many such instances the proofs were clear that the lawless acts had their suggestion and inspiration in the saloons. Accordingly a crusade was organized to reduce the number of these disturbers of the peace, and to serve notice on all that the lawless results of their business would not be tolerated longer. The license fee has hitherto been five hundred dollars annually. It was proposed to raise this to one thousand dollars. The campaign was very hotly contested. The friends of the saloon and of good order lined up in opposing camps without regard to party lines. In the city council the matter came to an issue and was at first lost. Then it was taken up again in heroic fashion in the public press, the churches and clubs. Various attempts to compromise were made. It was suggested that the license might be raised to six hundred dollars; then to eight hundred. But sufficient force was obtained in the council to fix it at \$1,000, and the measure was passed, to go into immediate effect.

It is significant and encouraging that all the temperance forces in the city co-operated to this end. Among them were many Prohibitionists, and with them on the principle of exterminating the saloon the Christian Century stands absolutely. We are opposed to the licensing of any form of evil. Its destruction alone can satisfy us. But the issue of this crusade was not between license and prohibition, for that victory can only come later. The immediate question was the reduction of the number of saloons and their control. This we believe the measure now in force will secure. It is only a half step, but it is progress, and more than this, it has demonstrated that people who favor temperance can work together in a practicable manner. This is a great gain. Nor is this the only way in which they can so co-operate. In Hyde Park and Evanston prohibition is the law and it is enforced. And this by the close co-operation of the people of those sections of the city without regard to party. We believe that the principle of prohibition can be enforced in other parts of the city, and ultimately, difficult as it may seem and remote as the time may be, in the entire city. For this we propose to labor with confidence and zeal.

Meantime we do not propose to stand idle or critical when efforts are made to bring good results, even by methods which we do not advocate. Between license and prohibition, where a choice may be made, there is no room for a moment's hesitation. Between high license and low license, as a choice in the destruction of the saloon, we are glad to work for the heavier burden on the liquor traffic.

Meantime it is informing to watch the conduct of the saloon men. They are full of fury. They are threatening the aldermen who voted against them with defeat at the polls, and there is no doubt of their determination to have revenge. Further they are organizing a campaign to secure the taxation of church property, recognizing as they do that the churches have stood solidly for their defeat. This is both informing and cheering. It is well to have the issue clear. It is a compliment to the churches

too sincere and direct to be ignored. An awakened conscience is the forerunner of municipal regeneration. It is the business of the church to awaken and direct that conscience.

H. L. W.

HAVE WE BEEN MARKING TIME?

We should never miss an opportunity to see ourselves as others see us. It is a most wholesome experience, and a corrective in many ways. When was it our scribes and historians were rejoicing over the fact that no other religious body was growing so fast as ours? The figures were furnished, by somebody, in some way, to show that our per cent of increase was as great as all the rest put together. This was flattering to pride, and it was not lost as an advertisement. But now comes the statistician again, with an entirely different tale to tell. In a recent number of the Christian Advocate, Dr. H. K. Carroll presents his annual review of the American churches, and, as our friends of The Interior remark, "it is full of significant and suggestive figures."

"The one church which seems to have been marking time in the last year," says The Interior, "is the Church of the Disciples. With a reported membership of 1,235,294, its net gain in members was only 1,428, while in ministers it reports a decrease of 160, and in churches, of 55. Some years since we greatly disturbed the peace of our editorial friends in that church by affirming that their figures were inflated. The present renumbering of their Israel seems to justify the position we took then." How about this? In the first place, how about the figures of former years? Will the "Statistical Secretary" state how they were compiled? Were they accurate and reliable, verifiable and verified, or were they estimated? And if reports of former years were correct, what about the conclusions of the past year?

Truly, these are "significant and suggestive figures." There have been not fewer but apparently more evangelistic meetings reported, with large gatherings; there is a revival of interest in evangelization; state and district and city missionary societies have been at work; and our "simultaneous" revival is a feature of the immediate past. Whence, then, this shrinkage? For our part, the reports of our churches, membership, etc., always seemed inflated. We are confident that many of the figures given in should have been labeled "estimated"; for faithful and accurate reports simply could not be had, no matter how much time and money a secretary might spend in seeking them. An estimate was the only recourse, but the figures should have been reported as "estimated." If, on the other hand, the figures of past years have been correct, then those for 1905 show that someone has blundered, and a correction should be made.

Church statistics that minister to party pride are evil, and that continually. Especially should the Disciples of Christ, whose plea is for the end of religious partyism, be indifferent to tabulated reports. The message we bring is being uttered and our influence is being widely diffused among all parties. What matter whether we are many or few, so be it we embody the spirit of Christ and are pushing successfully his work? If there

is, in very truth, a subsidence, an ebb tide, why? For, not on account of numbers, but because of the enterprise we stand for, we would see the columns steadily advancing. Such a report should bring us to our knees in humble self-examination. Is there strife among us? God will not bless a people who are not at peace among themselves. Are we, while pleading for union, falling ourselves to illustrate the plea?

Or, are we ignoring the really vital issues of the times, and so hindering our own growth? A gospel formula is not the gospel; rites and ceremonies are not the kingdom. Deeper and more abiding must be the forces that mediate success. "If any man have not the spirit of Christ, he is none of his." Perhaps it has become necessary to spend time and energy in a teaching work, carrying on still further that part of the great commission, "teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I commanded you." We are still making disciples and baptizing them, but the thousands that have been made must be taught. Hence the churches are not so free as in former years to add to the number.

We are not prepared to admit that a halt in evangelization is necessary and inevitable, as the churches multiply. Certainly it need not be so, as long as the tide of foreign immigration flows in upon us, and the population of the country increases rapidly. The unevangelized are here, and they need the gospel. Not until that blessed time when all shall know the Lord may we look for a justifiable halt in the process of making disciples. There may be periods when we are indeed "marking time," but if there are, we are culpable.

It will be easy to say, "The reports are wrong. We have made the same ratio of growth as in former years" and indignantly deny the implications of statistics. But will it not be far better to investigate quietly, and if the figures are wrong, furnish satisfactory evidence of the truth? But if they are right, we stand condemned. Look at the other items: a decrease of 160 in ministers, of 55 in churches. It is not at all strange that churches should occasionally fail to take root, or that preachers should retire; but while men are entering the ministry and new churches are all the time being organized, the year's work should show a net gain, not a loss.

F. G. T.

A CONVENIENT SEASON

While most of the churches begin the March offering on the first Lord's day, many find it inconvenient at the set time. This is unfortunate, because they lose the sense of immediate and intimate fellowship; but where this is the case, let a convenient time be agreed on, and the work of preparation continued till the offering is made. Doubtless results will justify the delay. Do not neglect it. Do not attempt to convert the world by the absent treatment!

We are pleased to receive echoes from the churches that have already responded. Offerings should continue in increased volume until the means are at hand to answer many a pathetic Macedonian cry. It should never be forgotten that we are under orders; that it is our duty to publish the gospel, wherever man pitches his tents; that we are expected to do our duty, at whatever cost, and in the face of every conceivable difficulty. The churches are called to disinterested service. Their

influence, their reputation, their success in the home field, depend upon their fidelity to the greater task that engages them abroad.

What will the books say? And will it be a real help in the home work of any church, to pass this offering by? Is it not true that each cause has its own unique appeal? Then funds are secured that would not otherwise be devoted to religious uses. It is therefore an oversight to pass the March offering in the interests of local work. Whatever may have been in the way March 4th, find the convenient season. Set the day far enough ahead so that ample preparation can be made. And then on the 18th, or the 25th of March, keep the feast.

If the matter is taken up with religious earnestness it will prove a feast indeed. Hearts will be enlarged, purse-strings will be loosened, vision will be clarified, and the love of God will abound. It will be most wholesome, even in churches that are not as a whole interested in the enterprise. A few are anxious to make an offering, and they have a right to the opportunity. We predict that hundreds of churches will be heard from each week till March 31st.

F. G. T.

EDITORIAL PARAGRAPHS

In America there is one preacher to every 700 of the population; in pagan lands, one to every 400,000. We spend \$1.33 per capita to evangelize the home land, one-third of one cent per capita in heathen lands. Think of it, one cent for three heathen, as a token of our interest in their salvation!

Back of all the talk about the March offering, missionary methods and societies, secretaries, boards, etc., lies the great question of loyalty to Christ. He has commanded the evangelization of the world. A way must be found to obey this command, or we stand convicted of disloyalty to the Lord.

He is a wise man who never does anything he is afterwards sorry for. Perhaps there is no such man. But there should be such churches, because groups of men represent more wisdom than an individual. Our churches should live and labor so they do not have anything to repent of. Especially in their relations to other churches they seek to embody the spirit of Christ. It is not enough to build up a large membership, and with it all the accompaniments of church prosperity; how is the cause of union progressing in the community?

"We are unalterably opposed to high license as any kind of a temperance measure," says the editor of the Central Christian Advocate. "But there is one thing to be said, we suppose, on the other side. It is this: If we are going to allow the saloon to fatten on our homes, on our youth, our fathers and brothers; if we are going to nail up behind the bar our 'license'—that is to say, our permission, for it to project its turgid sewer of misery and crime into our streets and across our thresholds and family altars, making added police, courts, prisons and asylums necessary, it is possibly an allowable economic doctrine that the saloon should be made to help pay its own bills."

PROGRAM OF THE CONGRESS.

Indianapolis, April 25-27, 1906.

Wednesday morning—Bible study, Devotional address and Conferences, conducted by J. H. Garrison.

(Bibliography—Garrison's "Helps to Faith" and "Alone with God"; Matheson, "Leaves for Quiet Hours"; Chamberlain, "The True Doctrine of Prayer.")

Wednesday afternoon—Chairman, S. M. Cooper. "Practical Measures for the Disciples in the Promotion of Christian Union To-day," George A. Campbell and W. B. Craig.

(Bibliography—Henson, "Godly Union and Concord"; Carpenter, "Christian Reunion"; Wells, "That They All May be One"; Willett, "Our Plea for Union.")

Wednesday evening—Chairman, A. M. Haggard. "The New Testament Teaching of the Relation of Baptism to Remission of Sins and the New Birth," President E. Y. Mullins, Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky. Review by W. F. Richardson.

(Bibliography—Garrison, "The Theology of Alexander Campbell"; Willett, "Basis Truths of the Christian Faith.")

Thursday morning—Chairman, E. B. Wakefield. Bible study. Address, "What Obstacles, if Any, Exist in the Way of Union Between Baptists and Disciples of Christ," J. J. Haley. Review by Rev. Henry F. Colby, D. D., pastor of the First Baptist church, Dayton, O.

(Bibliography—Gates, "Early Relation and Separation of Baptists and Disciples"; Veder, "The Baptists"; Gates, "The Disciples of Christ"; Newman, "The Baptists"; Tyler, "The Disciples"; Young's Documents Advocating Union.)

Thursday afternoon—Chairman, Hilton U. Brown. Educational session, under the direction of the Educational Society, in co-operation with the colleges.

Thursday evening — Anniversary session, in honor of the semi-centennial of Butler College.

Friday morning—Chairman, Jabez Hall. Bible study. Addresses, "Religious Life in the Light of Modern Psychology," Edward S. Ames and Charles E. Cory.

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Friday afternoon—Chairman, J. M. Philpott. "The Reorganization of Religious Education," Alva W. Taylor and George A. Miller.

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Friday evening—Chairman, I. J. Spencer. "The Elements of a True Evangelism," H. O. Breeden, W. J. Wright and A. McLean.

(Bibliography—Drummond, "The New Evangelism"; Dawson, "The Evangelistic Note"; Davenport, "Primitive Traits in Religious Revivals"; Candler, "Great Revivals and the Great Republic"; McKinley, "Educational Evangelism"; Dixon, "Evangelism, Old and New"; Folger, "Twenty-five Years as an Evangelist.")

The sessions will be held in the Central Christian church, excepting those of Thursday afternoon and evening, which will be held at Butler College, Irvington.

General Committee—J. H. Garrison, G. P. Coler, Burris A. Jenkins, Robert E. Hieronymus, Herbert L. Willett.

Who are the Real Defenders of the Faith?

There are two classes of defenders of the faith—those who vindicate that which is true and essential to it, and those who separate from it that which is false or foreign to it. Both classes contribute to the defense of Christianity. The defense of Christianity is often weak because a weak or incidental rather than an essential part has been chosen for defense. The purification of Christianity from that which is transient and foreign must be done by some one, either inside or outside the church. This task has too often been resigned to the avowed enemies of the faith. It has come to pass in the history of the church that when her avowed friends have undertaken her purification from weak and beggarly elements, she has poured on them the vials of her hatred and wrath, and rewarded them with the crown of thorns and the cross.

Such a friend was John Huss, whom the church led to the stage. Another was Martin Luther. The church, which he loved, whose blessing and sovereignty he labored for, decreed the stake for him, but he escaped through the strength and good offices of his friends. Succeeding generations of Christians have come to look upon these and other "reformers" not as enemies, but as true friends of the faith, and the Popes, cardinals and prelates who sought their lives as the real enemies. They made Christianity more acceptable and its defense more easy and less necessary to that generation which had grown secretly to hate the very name Christian. They tried to destroy the Christianity as it had come to be, that the Christianity of Christ and the apostles might live again.

There is another class of Christian men who are just as truly reformers and friends of the faith, who likewise seek to unload from Christianity its human, corrupting debilitating additions. They are called "critics" or "scholars," and are, like the Reformers in their day, abused and maltreated by the ecclesiastics in power as the enemies of religion. The word "critic" has come to be equivalent to the word "skeptical," as the word "reformer" was made to signify "apostate." They are seeking to strengthen true, fundamental religion, by delivering religion from false doctrines and supports. Their search is for unchanging truth—truth unmingled with human, relative and passing accretions. They desire to fortify Christianity once for all within the impenetrable fortress of the truth, behind which she shall evermore be free from attack.

As the church has retreated or been forced to retreat from her outer defenses to the inner citadel—the person of Jesus Christ—she has steadily found herself freer from attack and stronger in her assault upon the human heart. The attacks upon Christianity have not been upon Jesus, the essential part of Christianity, but upon foreign importations not essential to it. We are getting back to essentials and down to the foundations of our faith—the person of Jesus—"who is the mightiest among the noble and the noblest among the mighty," even to a mind skeptical as to all other adjuncts of the Christian religion. It is barely possible that the church of to-day is still trying to carry some luggage in the form of dogmas which are not essential to Christianity. They are true defenders

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of the faith who are able to show the church that she can throw them one side and make better progress without them than hold to them at the cost of a needless conflict with the mind of the age.

The faith and hope of multitudes of sincere Christian people were bound up with the dogma of an infallible book, and every blow at that dogma seemed a blow at the foundations of their hope. Many died and felt themselves saved because their confidence in the biblical astronomy and geology was not shaken. They were taught to believe that every one who questioned it and all scientists whose discoveries contradicted it were "infidels," and were either openly or secretly working for the overthrow of Christianity. Yet these same "infidels" believed themselves to be the true friends of the Christian faith. Who were the real defenders of Christianity, those who built up the dogma of verbal infallibility and made it an essential part of Christian belief for multitudes of Christians, or those who tore it down and thus made it possible for multitudes of people to hold their Christian faith and hope and yet accept the verified results of scientific discovery?

The conflict is not over. The progress of science is more rapid to-day than ever before. Do we still rest our faith upon beliefs or dogmas that will some time be removed by the progress of human knowledge? If we are alive when that time comes, it will seem to us again that the foundations are giving way and all faith put in jeopardy. It behooves this generation of religious teachers to profit by the experiences and conflicts of the past. Are we building the faith of people upon false and transient foundations and preparing this generation of Christians for disappointment and struggle, and many for despair? Every preacher should take care "to put first things first," and guard against erecting the passing, the non-essential elements of religion into essentials.

There are teachers who are making the acceptance of the Mosaic authorship of the Pentateuch, the unity of the book of Isaiah, the traditional dating of the book of Daniel, a test of faith, and, by so much, a condition of fellowship and salvation. These questions are under investigation, and are in dispute among Christian men who know whereof they think and speak. Can such disputable questions of historical evidence be safely made an essential element of faith? If we do make them such, are we not preparing many young minds for doubt and difficulty?

"The foundation of God standeth sure." But it is not the theory of inspiration, or the doctrine of the atonement, or the Mosaic authorship of the Pentateuch. The unshakable foundation of our Christian faith is the mind and person of Jesus Christ. No one doubts that his mind was the mind of God, and that there is no other teaching under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved, and that the life he lived was the best life ever lived in human flesh, and consequently the most pleasing to God. Under the spell of this life, which has a power all its own, self-attesting and magnetic, all questions of philosophy, science and criticism have

no power to disturb. This mighty personality does not need the support of our "evidences," "apologetics," logic or proofs any more than the sun needs a scaffolding of wood to hold it up. Christ was before all Christian things and created them. He created and is, therefore, greater than gospel, miracles, church, scripture, ordinance and institution. We can let the scientists, scholars and critics do their work without anxiety lest Christianity should be undermined; for as long as we have the person of Christ we have the essential and original thing in Christianity.

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PROGRAM.

Tuesday, April 17.

7:30 p. m.—Address, "The Effect Upon Evangelism of the Modern Way of Thinking," Charles Clayton Morrison, Springfield, Ill.

Wednesday, April 18.

9:00—"The Art of Presentation," F. L. Moffett.

9:20—Discussion.

10:00—Address, "The Content of Evangelistic Preaching," C. C. Morrison.

10:50—Discussion.

11:40—Book Review, "Religions of Authority and the Religion of the Spirit," Prof. H. G. Plum, University of Iowa.

2:00—"Public Worship," G. B. Van Arsdall.

2:20—Discussion.

3:00—Address, "The Criterion of Evangelistic Success," C. C. Morrison.

3:50—Discussion.

4:40—Book Review, "The Bible, Its Origin and Nature," H. D. Williams.

7:30—Address, "Evangelism Among the Disciples; Its Distinctiveness; Its Power, and Its Limitations," C. C. Morrison.

Thursday, April 19.

9:00—"Organization of the Forces of the Church," H. O. Breeden.

9:20—Discussion.

10:00—Address, "The Modern Movement Toward Christ; its Scope and Significance," F. W. Collins.

10:50—Discussion.

11:40—Book Review, "Primitive Traits in Religious Revivals," D. R. Dungan.

2:00—"The Preacher's Relation to Civic Reform," S. H. Zandt.

2:20—Discussion.

3:00—Address, "What is the Closest Union Among Religious Bodies to be Expected in the Near Future?" Dr. J. Everett Cathell.

3:50—Discussion.

4:40—Book Review, "The Spirit of God in Biblical Literature," J. K. Ballou.

7:30—Address, "Our Centennial," W. R. Warren, Pittsburg, Pa.

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How the Wisdom of Love Blessed Carmichael

Synopsis of Part I.

[It was the custom for the minister of Drumtochty to remain in his pulpit on Sundays until the congregation had all left the house. The people would have been scandalized if he had mingled with them, shaking hands and making sundry remarks. John Carmichael had been appointed to the pastorate of the Free Kirk at Drumtochty. He felt that his pastorate was a failure. He spent hours in the preparation of his sermons only to find on Sundays they would all tumble to pieces and nothing was left to present to his flock but a heap of disconnected remarks. One Sunday he failed utterly in expounding the scriptural lesson and had omitted one head of his sermon and the whole of the practical application. After the congregation had filed out of the house of God he crept to his study a broken-hearted man. While he stood there with his chin sunk on his breast a knock was heard at the door and when Carmichael looked up he was greeted by the elder of the flock, whom the pastor thought had called to remind him of his failure as a sermonizer and preacher.]

(Concluded from last week.)

Part II.

"It is good weather that we are having, sir," began Angus, speaking English with the soft Gaelic accent, for he was a West Highlander who had settled in the glen. "It is good to see the beginning of spring. We will be hoping that the Spirit of God may make spring in our own hearts, and then we shall also be lifting up our voices. But I must not be detaining you, when you will be very tired with your work, and be needing rest. Maybe I should not be troubling you at all at this time, but I have been sent by the elders with a message, not because I am better than my brethren, but only because it is my fortune to be a little older."

Carmichael knew then that he was right in his anticipation, and he asked Angus to say what was given him frankly, and to make no delay. And he tried to speak gently and humbly, for in truth his own conscience was with the elders, and as he believed, their embassy.

"You may not know, sir, but I will be telling you, that after the service is over and the people have gone out from the House of God, the elders speak together below the big beech-tree, and their speech will be about the worship and the sermon. You are not to think," added Angus with a gracious smile, "that they will be criticising what is said, or hardening their hearts against the council of the Lord declared by the mouth of his servant. Oh, no, we will rather be storing up the bread of God, that we may eat thereof during the days of the week, and have strength for the way."

Carmichael assured Angus that he knew how fair-minded and kind-hearted the elders were, both in word and deed. And he braced himself for what was coming.

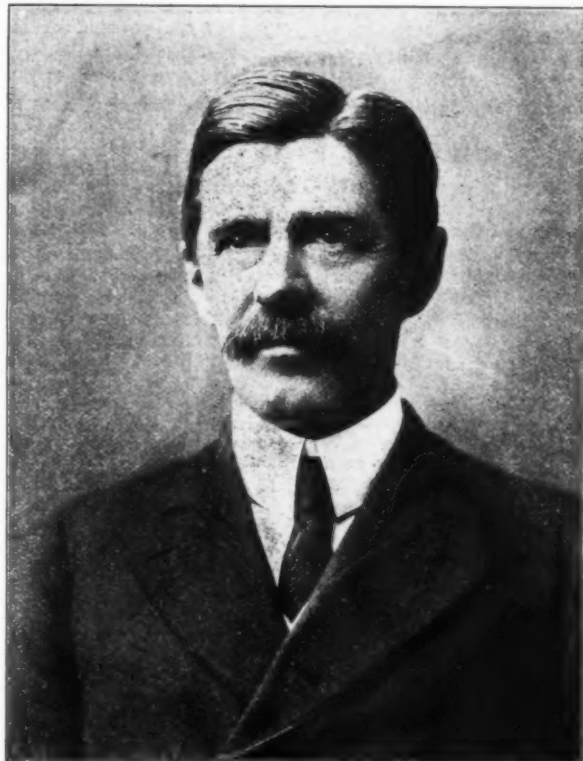
"This morning," continued Angus, "the elders were all there, and when we looked at one another's faces we were judging that the same thing will be in our hearts. It was with us for weeks, and it was growing, and to-day it came to speech. We knew that we were not meeting together as the session, and it is not business I will be coming with; we met as the elders of the flock, and it is as your friend that I am here in much humility. But it is not easy for this man to say what has been laid upon him."

Carmichael was sorry for him, and signed to him to go on.

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"You were chosen, I will be reminding you," said Angus with a gracious expression on his face, "by the goodwill of all the people; and it was a very proud day when the clerk of the Presbytery stood in his place and said that the call would be left with the elders, so that all the people might be having the opportunity of signing it, and I stood up and replied to the reverend gentleman, 'It is not necessary, they have all signed.' Oh, yes,

will all the people, for they are not without understanding in Drumtochty, that you are giving yourself with all your mind and all your heart unto the work of the Lord. The people are seeing that whatsoever talents the Lord has been pleased to give are laid out at usury, and they are judging you very faithful, both in your study and in their homes. But," softening his voice till it was like a whisper at eventide, "you are very young, and the ministry of the Lord is very arduous."



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and so they had, every man and every woman that was upon the roll. And the young people, they had written their names too upon the paper of adherence, everyone above sixteen years of age. And the very children would be wishing that day that they had something to sign, for the hearts of the people had gone out towards you, and there was one voice in every mouth, 'Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.'

Carmichael gave Angus to understand that he would never forget those things while he lived, and he prayed God that he might be a better man for the people's confidence in him. But his heart was beginning to break as he thought of their bitter disappointment, and the trust which had failed in his hands.

"It is three months since you entered upon your ministry among us, and you will not be angry with me if I am saying to you that you are very young to have so heavy a weight upon you, for there is no burden like the burden of souls. And the elders will be noticing and so

Amid all his suffering Carmichael could not help admiring the courtesy and consideration with which Angus presented the petition of the session, which he was perfectly certain by this time was a suggestion that he should resign. He asked Angus to declare at once all that was in his mind.

"So the elders considered that the full time had come for their saying something to you, and I was charged by them all to wait upon you in this place and to say unto you, on behalf of the elders of the flock and all the flock which is under your care" (and now it is impossible to imagine the tenderness in his voice), "that we are all thankful unto God that He sent you to be our minister, and that we are all wondering at the treasures of truth and grace which you will be bringing to us every Sabbath, for we are being fed with the finest of the wheat. Oh, yes, it is not the chaff of empty words, but the white bread of God which is given unto the people, and the very children will have

their portion, and will be saying pleasant words about the minister as they go along the road."

Carmichael was as one that dreamed, for no man had ever spoken of his preaching after this fashion. This strange thing also happened, while a minute before the manhood in him had been strong, it now began to weaken and fall, and Angus still continued:

"The elders will also be noticing that your words are heavy laden with the greatness of the truth, and that you are sometimes brought to silence, as it has happened unto God's prophets in the ancient time. We will all be wanting to hear everything that the Lord has given unto you, and to lay it past even to the smallest grain in our souls; and so if at any time it appears unto you as if some part of the message has not been given, we would count it a great kindness that you should go over the truth again, and if it would be helping you to meditate

for a space we would all be glad to sing a psalm. For we have plenty of time, and it is good to be in the Kirk of Drumtochty during those days."

Carmichael was learning that hour that kindness takes all the pride even out of a young man, and turns him into a little child. As he could find no words and indeed was afraid that he had no voice wherewith to utter them, Angus went on his way without interruption, and came to the end in much peace.

"There is just one other thing that the brethren laid upon me to say, and it was Donald Menzies who would not let me go till I had promised, and you will not be considering it a liberty from the elders. You are never to be troubled in the pulpit, or be thinking about anything but the word of the Lord and the souls of the people, of which you are the shepherd. We will ask you to remember when you stand in your place to speak

to us in the name of the Lord, that as the smoke goeth up from the homes of the people in the morning, so will their prayers be ascending for their minister, and as you look down upon us before you begin to speak, maybe you will say to yourself, next Sabbath, they are all loving me. Oh, yes, and it will be true from the oldest to the youngest, we will all be loving you very much."

Angus Sutherland was like all his kind, a very perfect gentleman, and he left immediately, so gently that Carmichael did not hear his going. When the minister passed through the garden gate half an hour afterwards there was no man to be seen, but the birds on every branch were in full song, and he marked that the hawthorn had begun to bloom. And that is why John Carmichael remained in the ministry of Jesus Christ, the most patient and most mindful of masters.

Among the New Books

Yet Another Day, by J. H. Jowett. F. H. Revell Co., New York. 30c.

A collection of brief prayers, one for every day in the year. An excellent aid to private devotion.

The Song of Ages, by Reginald J. Campbell. A. C. Armstrong & Son, New York, pp. 308. \$1.50.

There is no question that Mr. Campbell has come to his own at the City Temple, London. Men wondered at first how any one should have the audacity to take the place left vacant by the death of Joseph Parker. But it appears that a greater than Parker is there. This is the fourth volume of sermons to appear within the past two years, and in every one Mr. Campbell speaks with quietness, definiteness and conviction. He is of the new school absolutely. With tradition in every form he has finished. Some of his hearers almost hold their breath at times as they think of the contrast between the present preacher and the former one in this regard. But Mr. Campbell speaks to audiences that test the capacity of the great church not only at the Sunday services, but on the Thursday noon as well. And this is because he gives them a vital, timely and convincing message. This volume will disclose in some measure the secret of his power. It contains seventeen sermons. Every one is instinct with the personality of the preacher.

The Divine Man. By James Ware. The True Light Publishing Company, Mechanicsburg, Ohio. 1905. Pages 277. "The Divine Man" is an epic of twelve books. The theme is Christ. It is written from the modern theological point of view. All life and history is interpreted through Jesus. The scope of the book is rather extensive for its size; the second book pictures the creation, while the eleventh book refers to the American Republic in these words:

"O now I see this hemisphere

In the far ocean was reserved to be
The cradle of religious liberty."

While each book is clear and complete within itself, the order of the books among each other and a free use of poetic license render the impression of the whole somewhat vague and indefinite. Its crisp style and plain diction make it easy and pleasant to read. On the whole it is a new, pleasing and suggestive treatment of an old theme.

Heyworth, III. John P. Givens.

Religion and Politics. By Algernon Sidney Crapsey. Thomas Whittaker, New York. 326 pp. \$1.25 Net.

This is a work composed of sermon-lectures. The author takes up this study from the historical standpoint and in general has given a very careful analysis of the different periods of the history of the church and the state from the beginning of Christianity. The larger portion of the work is given to this historical study which is very interesting and will be profitable to any student of the history of the church in its relation to the state. The viewpoint of the author is that of the higher critic of the advanced school. The conservative reader will find some things to which he will take exception, but in general it is a thoughtful and helpful study of the subject. There is one statement in the chapter on the "Relation of Church and State in the United States" that shows a lack of knowledge in regard to the religious forces of the United States and will seem to many of us as a joke rather than the statement of a historian. He says: "The Baptists and the Disciples of Christ form really one great body, and have their principal habitat in the mountainous region of the South." In general the book is interesting and helpful.

Covington, Ky. George A. Miller.

Studies in Conduct. By George T. Smart, D. D. The Pilgrim Press, Boston and Chicago, pp. 165. 75 cents.

This beautiful little volume traces the varying attitudes of men toward the life they are living as they pass through childhood and on to youth, manhood and old age. This general plan is very old, but there is not an old or hackneyed argument in the book. Concise, poetic, witty, it yet has all the purpose and effect of true preaching. Its method as well as its spirit may be summed up in a single extract: "When youth has been with God, and learned of Christ, then the sequel has had greater and greater spiritual issues and returns; for on the descent from transfiguration the soul can allay the hot miseries of actual life."

C. C. Rowlison.

Rose o' the River. By Kate Douglas Wiggin. Houghton, Mifflin & Co., Boston. Pp. 177. \$1.25.

This little volume, to my mind, does not compare in interest to "Rebecca," which was so charming, but anything

from the pen of the author is always worth while. Rose o' the River is a sweet country girl, who is beloved by the best driver on the river, and really loves him, though she is not sure of it until she has had a taste of Boston life, and finds how superior he is in character to the Boston young man whose manners and dress she had admired in her little home town. Mrs. Wiggins has an intimate knowledge of "log rolling" and all its interesting accompaniments, and her descriptions are quite exciting, while the remarks of "Old Kennebec," Rose o' the River's father, are very amusing. He can talk of nothing but his experiences as a log roller on the Kennebec.

Among the Magazines.

The February Homeletic Review contains articles on "Evangelism as a Power," by Prof. James Orr; "Science and the Future Life," by Samuel McComb; "The Method of Advance in Biblical Science," by Prof. H. P. Smith, and "Our Faith in Holy Scripture," by Prof. Herbert L. Willett.

One of the most entertaining stories in the March issue of Ainslee's is "Captain Cosgrove's Homeopathic Cure," by L. Frank Tooker, author of "Under Rocking Skies." It is a nautical yarn, with quaint characters and plenty of humor. The novelette in this number is "Vanesa's Dilemma," by Robert Adger Bowen. There are several clever essays, including one on "Society at the Opera," by Charles Henry Meltzer, a dozen or so short stories, by E. F. Benson, Henry C. Rowland, Vincent Harper and other well-known writers, and some noteworthy poetry. The cover design is by Clarence F. Underwood.

Among the other valuable things in Smith's Magazine for March is an article on the "Racecourse Evil," and the start of a serial by John D. Barry. "The Four Goldies" is a piece of realism, dealing with a girl who imagines herself a playwright, and who brings her brothers and sisters to New York to become the laughing-stock of a Broadway audience. There is also the commencement of a series of stories of boy life by Edwin L. Sabin, entitled the "Tiddles-Toddles Tales." The first story, "The Adventure of the Postponed Spanking," introduces a delightful pair of boy twins, who are well worth reading about.

**HER INSIGNIFICANCE.**

His father, they say,
Was famous in his day—
What did his mother do?
His father helped to stump the State
For Grant in 1868—
What did his mother do?
She merely watched him day and night,
She merely kept him headed right,
And went on praying that he might
Some day be brave and good and great—
That's all his mother did.

His father, it is said,
Possessed a level head—
What did his mother have?
His father was no common clod
Intended but to tote a hod—
What was his mother, though?
Oh, she was merely one who taught
Her son that vices must be fought,
That sin is in each evil thought,
That virtues pave the way to God—
That's all his mother was.
—Chicago Record Herald.

HASTE MAKES WASTE.

"Oh dear! How I do 'spise sewin'!" declared Polly angrily. If you had heard Polly say it and had seen her face scowl and her foot stamp you never would have believed how sweet and loving she generally was. But you know what bad tempers will do to folks, and when Polly forgot and let temper get the best of her the sunny, smiling Polly seemed to fly away and there was a very unpleasant little creature in her place.

Of course it was hard to sit still and sew a long seam, over and over, till you came to the very end before you went out to play. But Aunt Mary had been a little girl once herself, and she knew that it wasn't hard to learn to sew after all and you always had more fun playing when the task was done.

But Polly didn't think so, because you see she didn't try at all and her sewing was really quite awful. To-day she was especially naughty about trying and just hurried with all her might, never caring how dreadful the stitches were, and of course she came to the end very quickly.

Aunt Mary had said she might go out to the playhouse when the seam was finished, so down went the white cloth in a heap on the floor and out flew Polly—right into Aunt Mary's arms.

"Why, my dear little girl!" cried Aunt Mary. "All done? How did you ever manage to do it so quickly. I couldn't do it in half the time."

Poor Polly's face got very red. "I don't 'spose it's done as nicely as yours, Aunt Mary," she stammered, feeling oh—so ashamed. And when Aunt Mary saw that seam Polly wanted to hide her face, but there wasn't any place to hide it but in Aunt Mary's lap on top of the white cloth, so she hid it there and in a chokey

little voice promised to do it over again.

An hour later she went slowly out with muff in her arms and sat down by the old well. "Do you know pussy," she said, "I've learned what Aunt Mary means when she says 'haste makes waste.' Don't you ever try to sneak out of doing things or get through quickly by slightin' 'em, for folks that do that always get come up with. I know by 'sperience."

THE PUPPY AND THE ROBINS.

Mr. Robin and his wife kept house in the apple tree in the children's back yard. They thought it the very nicest home in the world, even better than the one they lived in last winter when they flew away down to the warm sunny south and stayed till the spring came again.

After the baby Robins came Mr. and Mrs. Robin would rest on their front porch and sing to them between worm hunts. Sometimes they sang to the children, and this is what they said in the song: "Oh, you ought to see our lovely nest, and our three pretty babies. By-and-by they will be big enough to fly and then we will show them to you if you'll promise not to frighten them."

And the children promised. But Tabby, the cat, didn't promise, and all the time she meant to have one of those baby robins, but she just thought she would wait till they got nice and plump.

And while she waited Uncle Will brought the puppy. A fat, roly-poly little fellow he was, only a baby himself, and very shaky in the legs. But his arrival caused Mr. and Mrs. Robin a great deal of worry until they found how perfectly harmless he was. "I was never so upset in my life," said Mr. Robin afterward to his wife, "and to think how very foolish of men, when we could fly away dozens of times before his wobbly legs could carry him to us." "Of course, my dear," said Mr. Robin, "and now that we are sure there is no danger we will begin to teach the children to fly. Shall we give the first lesson to-day?"

The children were in school, but the puppy was lying in the sun, so lonesome he didn't know whether to chew on his old shoe or go to sleep, when down came the whole Robin family one after another.

They were right in the middle of the lesson when Tabby began to creep—creep—toward one baby bird standing alone. "Bow-wow-wow," cried the puppy, scrambling out of his corner in a lively fashion toward his enemy. "You get out of here, you wicked cat!" he cried, frightening Tabby so she ran and ran.

When the babies were safely back in the nest once more Mr. Robin perched on an empty flower pot and sang his thanks to the puppy, who didn't understand one word he said.

DOING AND BEING.

A young girl had been trying to do something very good, and had not succeeded very well. Her friend, hearing her complaint, said:

"God gives us many things to do, but don't you think he gives us something to be, just as well?"

"Oh, dear! tell me about being," said Marion, looking up. "I will think about being if you will help me."

Her friends answered, "God says: 'Be kindly affectioned one to another.'

"Be ye also patient.'

"Be ye also thankful.'

"Be ye not conformed to this world.'

"Be not wise in your own conceit.'

"Be not overcome with evil.'

Marion listened, but made no reply. Twilight grew into darkness. The teabell sounded, bringing Marion to her feet. In the twilight Elizabeth could see that she was very serious.

"I'll have a better day to-morrow; I see the doing grows out of being."—Selected.

THE RIGHT HEART.

Two little girls were sitting near a brook in the woods. "Listen to that noisy brook," said one; "it scolds and scolds. I wish it would keep quiet."

"Why, sister, it is not scolding, it is singing," said the other. "The leaves are falling from the trees. How bare and ugly they look," cried the first speaker. "Oh, but it is so pleasant to gather the leaves," was the reply; "and then we see more of the sky and the sun shines on us better." The other frowned angrily and said, "Your ears and eyes must be made different from mine."

The difference was not in the ears and eyes, but in the heart. If the heart is right the brook will sing, not scold, the sky will look bright, and through the bare branches God's love will shine.—Selected.

THE BEATEN PATH.

Emerson said: If a man write a better book, preach a better sermon, or make a better mouse trap than his neighbor, though he build his house in the woods, the world will make a beaten path to his door.

Others Have Told Us.

Hanford, Cal., Feb. 21, 1906.

The Christian Century grows better all the time and there never was greater need of its broad, liberal leadership than just now.

May God use it to save us from a narrow, intolerant sectarianism.

Fraternally,

C. C. Bentley.

Worship is the overflowing of a full heart; prayer is the craving of an empty heart.

QUIET HOUR COUNSEL

MOTHER

D. W. Moore.

"Mother has gone to heaven to live,
Safe with the angels, joyous and blest,
There to abide where all is so fair,
Glad in His Love, her spirit may rest."

There is an old proverb that says, "God could not be everywhere, so he made mothers." The sweet-spirited and scholarly Henry Drummond, in his interesting volume, "The Ascent of Man," says: "Is it too much to say that the one motive of organic Nature was to make mothers? The mothers. There the series stops. Nature has never made anything since."

These are beautiful words, uttered concerning that most beautiful character. They are "fitly spoken," and are "like apples of gold in network of silver."

They suggest the tender words of the immortal Lincoln: "All I am, all that I hope to be, I owe to my angel mother—blessings on her memory! I remember my mother's prayers. They have always followed me. They have clung to me all my life."

Said our own sainted Garfield: "If my mother could rise in the dead of night and pray for my recovery from sickness, my life must be worth something. I then and there resolved to prove myself worthy of my mother's prayers."

It is beautiful beyond all expression that the telegram of our latest presidential martyr, William McKinley, "Tell mother I'll be there," should be sung round the world. In the great London revivals it was constantly called for. Mr. Charles M. Alexander, called the world's greatest singer to-day, says hundreds and probably thousands have been turned to Christ by it. "One night in Liverpool while the choir was singing, 'Tell Mother I'll Be There,' 160 men rose and publicly accepted Christ before all the people."

Truly, the hands that rock the cradle still rule the world. That trinity, "mother, home and heaven," is deeply suggestive. Without mother there can be no real home. Without mother and home, heaven is lost.

The world is never the same after the loss of mother. Her going breaks up the sweet and tender ties of the old home. The hands that ministered in childhood and brushed away the tears; the voice that soothed the little troubled breasts, whose lullaby quieted the sobbing heart and invited to sweet sleep and childish dreams, are still in a pulseless sleep.

The thin hands are folded over the breast, the soft eyes that "looked love to eyes that spake again" are closed. The smile comes back to the mother face no more.

The great, cold world has changed.
"Life is to me a vision of care,
Home lacks its sunshine, deep is its gloom,
Since she I love is gone from my sight,
Peacefully sleeping now in the tomb."

But her love and her life cannot die. They remain to guide and cheer. Her interest, also, does not die. I must believe that somewhere in God's great universe she still lives and loves those she has given to the world; and that her mother heart is just the same.

She knows the trials, the cares, the burdens, the temptations, the heartaches and the tears. She knows and cares.

"Mother, look down, behold now thy child,
Mother, dear mother, keep near to me,
Till I may dwell in yonder blest home,
Till I thy face in heaven may see."

Springfield, Mo.

"IF YOU LOVE ME, TELL ME SO."

There is a pretty story told in Forward concerning the late Dr. Dale, of England. He was traveling in the colonies. Speaking on one occasion of the relation of a pastor to his congregation, and pleading for a freer reciprocity of feeling between them, he said that he often felt inclined to say to his own people, "If you love me, tell me so." The little speech reached England sooner than did the speaker, and when some months later the doctor entered the hall in Birmingham, in which a "welcome home" had been arranged for him, almost the first object that met his eyes was a large scroll across one end of the building: "We love you, and we tell you so."

"If you love me, tell me so"—it is what multitudes are asking. Do not say it is a mean or vulgar desire; it is the cry of parched souls that are thirsting for love and sympathy. And perhaps there are none who utter that cry often in the silence as our fathers and mothers. Let us love them and let us tell them so. Cultivate a free and spontaneous expression of your love.

The other day in descending a downtown stairway, there was so little light that I was afraid that I could never reach the bottom in safety; but, fixing my eyes steadily on each step as I went downward, I saw there was just enough light to keep me from falling, although a little distance beyond the darkness seemed impenetrable. So it is in this life of ours. We are groping in the night of uncertainty and sorrow, and the darkness is so great at times that we cannot see two steps ahead; but Christ has arranged it so that there will always be light enough for each step as it comes, and that is all that we need.

The day is long, and the day is hard,
We are tired of the march and of keeping guard;
Tired of the sense of a fight to be won,
Of days to live through and of work to be done;
Tired of ourselves and of being alone,
Yet all the while, did we only see,
We walk in the Lord's own company,
We fight, but 'tis He who nerves our arm;
He turns the arrows that else might harm,
And out of the storm He brings a calm;
And the work that we count so hard to do,
He makes it easy, for He works too;
And the days that seem long to live are His,
A bit of His bright eternities; and close to our need His helping is.
—American Weekly.

The spiritual life is not knowing, not hearing, but doing. We only know so far as we can do. We learn to do by doing. What we do truly, rightly, in the way of duty, that, and that only, we are.—Frederick W. Robertson.

God answers prayer; sometimes, when hearts are weak,
He gives the very gifts believers seek.
But often faith must learn a deeper rest,
And trust God's silence when he does not speak;



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Musical director and soloist, whose splendid work has been of untold assistance in the great meetings held by Mr. Scoville.

For he whose name is Love will send the best.
Stars may burn out, nor mountain will endure,
But God is true, his promises are sure
To those who seek.

—Myra G. Plantz.

SLEEP DESTROYER.

The Old Fashioned Coffee.

She suffered from nervousness by day and sleeplessness by night.

"Up to three years ago," writes a young woman, "I was in the habit of drinking coffee freely and did not realize that it was injuring my health till I was suddenly made the victim of nervous headaches so violent that I was compelled to give up household activities and stay in bed much of the time. Then insomnia came upon me and the wretchedness of sleepless nights was added to the agony of painful days.

"This lasted till a year ago, when I was persuaded by a friend to give up coffee entirely and use Postum Food Coffee. The result was, in less than a week I began to feel the change for the better, my nerves grew stronger and I began to sleep a little. Day by day the improvement continued and in a short time, I was restored to health. My headaches left me, the nervousness passed away entirely, and I enjoy good, sound sleep every night.

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AT THE CHURCH.



SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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LESSON XII, MARCH 25.

Temperance Lesson, Proverbs 23:29-35.

In the study of temperance lessons sometimes, teachers show a tendency to temporize with this question. Intemperance in eating, in amusements, etc., are suggested, but in the lesson of to-day there is room for the discussion of the alcoholic liquor traffic and this alone. The saloon and its attendant evils form the chief menace to our national peace and prosperity. The liquor question was of considerable importance in the days of Solomon, and that sovereign of a great nation did not fail to utter the truth in regard to this most iniquitous business. President Roosevelt recently sent a message of twenty thousand words to the Congress, and it contained not one word against this great national enemy. Doctor Robinson calls this chapter from Proverbs, "The Drunkard's Looking Glass." The ravages of drink are the same now that they were in the days of Solomon.

Physical.

The effects of the liquor habit upon the physical organism is very marked. Alcohol is not a food. It destroys tissues, weakens the heart, excites the nervous system, causes insomnia, engenders all sorts of diseases: paralysis, madness, dropsy and tuberculosis, of which it is one of the most frequent causes. It complicates and aggravates all acute maladies. An attack of typhoid, of pneumonia, or of erysipelas that would be mild in a total abstainer, will kill an alcoholic patient. The hygienic sins of parents are visited upon the children, and these are often very marked. The health of the individual, the existence of the family, the future physical strength of the nation, all will be affected by the way we treat this scourge of our common humanity.

Economic.

Many of the ills of our economic life are directly traceable to the open saloon. One thousand barrels of rum were bought by the Queen of Madagascar and poured out upon the sand. When she was spoken to about the profit that might accrue from the traffic, she said: "I can do nothing for my own profit that would injure the bodies and souls of my people." Those wise statesmen (?) who argue for this traffic because of the revenue, might learn a lesson from this woman. Anything that destroys the genuine happiness, peace of mind, and real contentment of one heart is the enemy of all hearts. Anything that makes a man less able to toil, to provide for those dependent upon him, is an enemy of mankind. The labor question will be largely settled when the laboring man ceases to support breweries and saloons, and pours his earnings into the channels of legitimate trade. In the year 1903, our liquor bill in the United States was \$1,451,633,379. This was a per capita of \$18.15. If this amount were turned into legitimate trade channels, every department of our commercial life would feel the change. This is more, far more, than we spent for bread and meat, and yet, if the same money were placed into the bread and meat trades, the beef trust would be put out of business, every farmer would feel the necessity of raising more cattle, every acre that could be used for raising breadstuffs would be in cultivation, and the prices would cause a prosperity that the country has never known. Every mill on the continent would be busy, every wheel of industry would hum, and we could have money for libraries and universities and hospitals that was earned by toil and not by cunning.

Social.

"Business is service with a profit," says Dr. Palmore. "Business must have a profit or it will cease to exist. Charity is service without profit. Whenever charity becomes profitable it becomes a business. Crime is profit without service. Eight cents profit on a ten cent drink is tremendous profit, but it is no service. The sooner we cease to call the liquor traffic a business and designate it

by its right name of Crime, the better it will be for the world." Carroll D. Wright says: "Every dollar received in revenue from the liquor traffic costs the government \$21." It is true that a large per cent of crime originates in the saloon. Judge Pollard, of St. Louis, declares: "The great mass of crimes that fill the docket of the police court are those committed in the heat of liquor or which spring from the continual indulgence in strong drink." Judge Fort, of a Missouri district, says: "Saloons have cost my home county three thousand dollars more than they have paid in license. They have not produced a mouthful for our people to eat, nor one garment for any of them to wear, nor one house for any of them to live in, but they have robbed the people, they have trampled under their feet the religion of our fathers, they have shut the mouths of timid church members, and they have left the wreckage of homes and the ruins of character in their blood-stained pathways. Not one good thing stands to their credit."

Spiritual.

"No drunkard shall enter the kingdom of heaven." "Woe to him that putteth his bottle to his neighbor's lips."

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR

By CHARLES BLANCHARD

BOUNTIFUL SOWING—OUR GIFTS TO CHRIST'S CAUSE.

Topic March 25th: Luke 6:38; II Cor. 9:1-15.

"Give and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom." This is one of the remarkable sayings of Jesus, which shows his wonderful confidence in human nature, just plain human nature. The Master believed in men. He appealed to the best that is in men, to their generosity, their gratitude, the noblest faith and feelings of his fellows. He knew what was in man—not the bad only, but the good rather. For knowing what was in man, he believed in men as never any being had dared; and believing in man he died for the race. I wish we might get this divine measure of man—of the good that is in us and in those round about us. It would wonderfully help and inspire in the work of the ministry and in the advance of the cause of missions. It is want of faith on our part as ministers and elders and members—want of faith in each other that prevents the greater missionary offering and the larger undertaking in preaching the gospel in the home field, and in the lands afar off, called in the Acts "the regions beyond."

It is not said that we shall receive money for money given. Jesus did not say give a dollar and you will get ten dollars. What he did say was that we should receive enlargement of heart and life. Give—give largely, lovingly, continuously, unselfishly, and others will pour into our bosoms—into our hearts, into the very fountains of life the overflowing measure of faith and affection from other hearts and lives. And those who have tried it have testified that the Master was right. Those who have given themselves most unselfishly to others and for others have received of the overflowing of the affections of mankind. The world loves most and remembers longest her benefactors—the ones who have given themselves most unselfishly for others. Moses and Christ and Paul—the three greatest names in the record of the race as we read it, and all remarkable for their self-giving. Moses chose rather to suffer affliction with the children of God than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; and his is one of the universal names of history. Of the Master of Men it is said "He emptied himself," and therein is to be found the revelation of the marvelous and mighty influence of the Christ among men. His name is pre-eminent, not chiefly because of his teaching, though he spake as never man spake; but rather because he emptied himself. He loved us and gave himself for us. It is love's secret, simple and sublime; we all recognize it though few of us love enough to understand or to reveal the secret to others. But it is beautifully, blessedly true!

The margin for "bounty," in II Cor. 9:5, is in the Greek "blessing," and that is the idea of Christian giving. God said to Abraham: "Blessing, I will bless thee, and make thee a blessing." We are to give to bless others. The law of Christian giving is this: "He that soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he that soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. And there is nothing truer in this world, in nature and in grace. And the promise is that God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work. There are many things we cannot do. We may not be able to abound in all good works, but we may abound "to all good works"—that is, we may be generous minded and open-handed toward all good work. The rule of Christian giving is thus stated: "Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver. The object of all Christian giving is not only to minister to the needs of others but also to "multiply your seed sown and increase the fruit of your righteousness." Our own enrichment in everything to all bountifulness is the real end of all giving, all service, all sacrifice.

THE PRAYER MEETING

By SILAS JONES

THE SEVEN SAYINGS ON THE CROSS.

Topic March 28: Matt. 27:46; Luke 23:34, 43, 46; John 19:25-30.

"O, but they say the tongues of dying men Enforce attention like deep harmony; Where words are scarce, they're seldom spent in vain; For they breathe truth that breathe their words in pain."

The words of our Lord on the cross bear witness to the perfect accord of his conduct with his teaching. The action which he told his disciples was right he performed in the hour of pain and anguish. For this reason there is no sentimentality in his teaching. He faced actual conditions, not imaginary. The false note enters into our words when we fail to put our feelings into actions. The church that sings of Calvary and insists that the preacher shall often present the doctrine of the cross but that refuses to live the sacrificial life is nourishing a sentimentality by which it earns the contempt of healthy minded persons. "Follow thou me" is the call to Calvary as well as to the mount of transfiguration. The fault with our discipleship is that we aim to get the rewards of the kingdom without the toil and pain by which they are earned. The greatest danger that confronts the church to-day comes not from the assaults of unbelievers or the cold analysis of the critic. The real danger comes from our love of ease and our cowardice. That we may become in some measure worthy of the honorable place to which we lay claim as disciples of Christ, let us stand at the foot of the Master's cross and learn what it is to love and to serve.

"Father, forgive them for they know not what they do." Scholars tell us that this saying probably does not belong to the text of Luke. The Christian scholar, however, does not question that it represents the mind of the Master. On the quiet hillside of Galilee Jesus discoursed with his disciples about forgiveness. He saw clearly the duty of a man toward one that had offended him. In the light of Jesus' teaching we can think the question through easily in the presence of friends. But have we learned from Jesus on the cross? Do we know how to bear with the ignorance of those who injure us? If the Chinaman murders an American, do we realize that, in addition to the action of our government in securing the punishment of the murderer, there is something for Christian people to do for the enlightenment of the Chinese? If men commit crimes against the state, is the work of the citizen done when he sees that the crime is properly punished? Does not the example of Jesus require citizens to ask why the crime was committed and what may be done for

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Cheering Echoes from the March Offering

Sauemin, Ill., March 5.
March 4th stormy; offering more than doubled any former year. More will be collected.
J. W. Reynolds.

Saginaw, Mich., March 4.
Filled the pulpit here to-day, preaching to interested audiences. Took offering for Foreign Missions and went beyond apportionment.
J. Murray Taylor.

Johnstown, Pa., March 4.
Marvelous advance in Missionary Offering reported by Second Church of Johnstown. Apportioned \$30.00. We passed the hundred dollar mark in our offerings. Intense Missionary enthusiasm. This is a little church of about 175 members composed of 70 families—as I was ordained last September and immediately took up work here as my first pastorate this is my first attempt. Feel more than ever that a minister's life is the happiest. Hope to hear of intense zeal all through brotherhood in this long neglected cause of world wide missions. Yours for over half a million before 1909.
G. H. Steed.

Cartersville, Ill., March 5.
We raised our apportionment for Foreign Missions yesterday. More to follow yet. Happy over the effort. The church will be blessed in this as all churches are blessed when they help evangelize the world.
F. L. Davis, Pastor.

Hamilton, Ohio, March 5.
The Lindenwald Church of Christ more than doubled its apportionment for Foreign Missions. Gave \$25.
W. H. Hedges.

Indigestion

Stomach trouble is not really a sickness, but a symptom. It is a symptom that a certain set of nerves is ailing. Not the voluntary nerves that enable you to walk and talk and act—but the AUTOMATIC STOMACH NERVES over which your mind has no control.

I have not room here to explain how these tender, tiny nerves control and operate the stomach. How worry breaks them down and causes indigestion. How misuse wears them out and causes dyspepsia. How neglect may bring on kidney, heart, and other troubles through sympathy. I have not room to explain how these nerves may be reached and strengthened and vitalized and made stronger by a remedy I spent years in perfecting—now known by physicians and Druggists everywhere as Dr. Shoop's Restorative. (Tablets or Liquid.) I have not room to explain how this remedy, by removing the cause, usually puts a certain end to indigestion, belching, heartburn, insomnia, nervousness, dyspepsia. All of these things are fully explained in the book I will send you free when you write. Do not fail to send for the book. It tells how the solar plexus governs digestion and a hundred other things every one ought to know—for all of us, at some time or other have indigestion. With the book I will send free my "Health Token"—an intended passport to good health.

Book 1 on Dyspepsia. For the free book and the "Health Token" you must address Dr. Shoop; Box Book 2 on the Heart. 2592 Racine, Wis. Book 3 on the Kidneys. State which book you want. Book 4 for Women. Book 5 for Men. Book 6 on Rheumatism.

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Atlanta, Ga., March 4th.
West End Church far exceeds apportionment and may double. Rejoice with us.
Bernard P. Smith.

Quincy, Ill., March 6.
Our offering for Foreign Missions on last Lord's Day was \$114.05, the largest in the history of this church. When the absent ones are heard from it will be larger. Last Friday our Ladies' Aid voted \$10 to Hot Springs, Ark., to help Bro. Kincaid pay for his church lot. Since last report we have had 11 additions, 4 by baptism, 4 by letter and 3 by statement.
Walter M. Jordan, Minister.

Sullivan, Ill., March 4.
Reached our apportionment. Largest offering ever taken by this church; 3 additions at night service; 2 others not reported.
J. G. McNutt.

Grimes, Ia., March 5.
Hurrah for \$300,000! Grimes will reach her apportionment (\$25.00). May God speed the offering over the whole land.
F. E. Smith.

Lisbon, O., March 4.
The amount raised far exceeded the apportionment. We raised three times as much as last year. Will make it \$100 before next Lord's Day. C. M. Yocum.

Moorhead, Ia., March 6.
Our offering for Foreign Missions yesterday was \$41.32. W. B. Wilson, Pastor.

Carrollton, Mo., March 5th.
Carrollton is rejoicing because of a splendid advance in Missionary enthusiasm. Our offering yesterday was the best in the history of the church.

We reached nearly three times the apportionment. We are already beginning to plan to place our church in the Living Link column.
R. H. Sawyer.

Fayetteville, Ark., March 7.
Sunday was a great day at the First Church. The largest offering we have ever made for Foreign Missions. It went far beyond our apportionment. If other churches do as well the desired three hundred thousand dollars will be easily raised.
H. M. Ragland.

Denver, Ill., March 5.
Denver church contributed \$41.40 yesterday morning in spite of fearful weather. The full apportionment, \$50.00, however, will be raised before money is forwarded. The 27th consecutive offering for church.
B. H. Cleaver.

Watsonville, Cal., March 5.
Our offering for Foreign Missions goes beyond apportionment of \$100.
M. D. Clubb.

Buffalo, N. Y.—Offering of Richmond Avenue Church was over \$600. Hope to make a total of \$1,000.—R. H. Miller.

Grandview, W. Va.—Apportionment \$65. Offering \$102.32; 102 members.—G. W. Ogden.

Warren, O.—Offering \$445. Will reach \$600 before the close of March.—J. E. Lynn.

Bethany, Neb.—The church at Bethany raised this morning \$150 or more for Living Link. This added to the \$488 already provided by the University assures the support of Mrs. Dye.—H. T. Sutton.

Council Grove, Kan.—Red Letter day. Raised our apportionment and hope to reach \$30.—John Wesley.

Flemingsburg, Ky. — Best collection ever taken for Foreign Missions, \$70. Will probably make it \$100.—J. T. Shar-rad.

Normal, Ill.—Offering last year \$61.55. This year \$115.50.—R. H. Newton.

Chicago, Ill.—Ashland Church will raise at least two and a half times as much as last year.—W. R. Moffett.

New York City.—\$500 raised yesterday. Will reach \$600.—S. T. Willis.

Indianapolis, Ind. — Apportionment North Park Church \$50. Raised \$55.—Austin Hunter.

Meridian, Miss.—Notwithstanding the great distress from the disastrous cyclone we raised \$71. Apportionment was \$50.—W. M. Baker.

Paris, Tex.—We passed our apportionment of \$60.—J. T. Ogle.

St. Louis, Mo.—Compton Heights raised her apportionment. Will try to see how much more we can get.—F. N. Calvin.

Not our particular position or sphere in life, but the spirit in which we do or bear what is set before us or is laid on us, measures our faithfulness and our influence in the sight of our fellows and in God's sight. Our opportunities, just where and as we are, may be the means of fitting us for highest good to those about us and for fullest appreciation and improvement of our place in God's service.

THE EDITOR

Explains How to Keep Up Mental and Physical Vigor.

A New Jersey editor writes:

"A long indulgence in improper food brought on a condition of nervous dyspepsia, nearly three years ago, so severe that I had to quit work entirely. I put myself on a strict regimen of Grape-Nuts food, with plenty of out-door exercise and in a few months found my stomach so far restored that the process of digestion gave me pleasure instead of distress.

"It also built up my strength so that I was able to resume my business, which is onerous, as I not only edit my own paper but also do a great deal of 'outside' writing.

"I find that the Grape-Nuts diet enables me to write with greater vigor than ever before, and without the feeling of brain-fag with which I used to be troubled. As to bodily vigor—I can and do walk miles every day without fatigue—a few squares used to weary me before I began to live on Grape-Nuts! Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

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WITH THE WORKERS

Doings of Preachers, Teachers, Thinkers and Givers.

The Euclid Avenue Church, Cleveland, has started a mission Sunday School.

J. S. Raum of Yale, Mich., is in a meeting with the West Madison Avenue Church, Cleveland, O.

The High Street Church, Akron, Ohio, has extended a call to Miss Jennie Jenkinson of Bellefontaine to become its pastoral helper.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Pounds assisted the Birch Street Church, Cleveland, in a meeting, closing March 7th. There were 20 additions.

Jas. Small is assisting the church at Washington C. H., Ohio, in a meeting, with nearly a hundred additions during the first two weeks.

G. R. Cleveland, the efficient minister of the Pembroke, Ga., field, will resign this spring and is looking for a good man to take up the work.

H. A. Macdonald, who recently accepted the pastorate of the Christian church at Lawrenceville, Ill., has located with his family in the new field.

The church at McComb, O., held a fine three weeks' meeting recently with their pastor, M. J. Maxwell, doing the preaching. There were 45 additions.

Alcinus Baker of Mt. Victory recently held a meeting for the church at Big Springs, O. There were 19 additions to the church; 17 by confession.

Lew D. Hill of Mt. Vernon, Ill., assisted by his wife, will begin a series of meetings at the East Christian church, Lawrenceville, Ill., on next Lord's day.

C. A. Kleeberger, who has been Sunday School evangelist of Ohio for the past five years, has taken the pastorate of the Chicago Avenue Church, Columbus, O.

Our missionary to Tibet, Dr. Susie C. Rijnhart, was married November 3d to Mr. James C. Moyes. She has not resigned from the service of the Foreign Society as has been announced.

The church at Blanchester, O., reports the best meeting in its history. It was held by home forces. The interest and attendance were very good and there were 10 added to the membership of the church.

The West End church of Atlanta, Ga., mourns the death of one of the most capable and consecrated women of the

congregation, Mrs. Julia A. Howell, who has been "one of those good women" who labored in the gospel. To her more than any one else through labor and liberality is the very existence of the West End church indebted. She is the mother of Hon. Clarke Howell, editor of the Atlanta Constitution, and in the present race for governor.

The splendid picture of Brother Seoville which we publish on the outside cover this week will easily lend itself to framing. A nice and inexpensive way to preserve in permanent form is to passe partout. That this will be done in many Christian homes we feel sure.

A GREAT GAIN.

During the first seven days of March the receipts of the Foreign Society amounted to \$9,316.04, a gain of \$7,341.21. We feel sure of a decided gain in the number of contributing churches. The gain in new Living Link churches is most encouraging. There are a number to hear from yet. Altogether the outlook is encouraging. Let us press forward all through March or until every church is enlisted. We must not fall short of \$300,000. F. M. RAINS, Sec. Cincinnati, O.

T. G. Linkous of Statham, Ga., is working at the problem of federation while others are talking about it. He has organized a Ladies' Aid Society of the women of the three churches of the town, and moneys are equally divided among them. He also has organized a Union prayer meeting, and a Union Sunbeam Society, both of which are in flourishing condition. He is located in a town of five hundred and is giving practical expression to "the plea of our fathers"; he says, "my plan is to get people to working together and they will finally get to thinking together; hence we will have taken a step toward Christian union for which we all so earnestly long." I presume that this kind of work by some would be call-

ed "recognizing the denominations," but it is doubtless a work of Christ and is the most practical expression of the unity already existing that one could expect. None but a wilfully ignorant one could possibly object to the plan.

The date of the Missouri Lectureship is rapidly approaching. It convenes at Canton, April 9-11, and a rich treat is offered. Prof. Shailer Mathews, of Chicago University, will speak on Monday night on "The Method of Jesus," and the next morning on "The Message of Jesus." An informal discussion will follow. Geo. A. Campbell of Chicago will speak on "The Common Man's Religion," to be reviewed by H. A. Denton, and "Fiction and Character," which will be reviewed by A. W. Kokendoffer. Prof. R. G. Sears speaks on "The Geographic and Historic Setting of the Old Testament." The review will be by the "young brother," Dr. W. T. Moore. Prof. C. M. Sharpe will speak on the "New Testament Criticism and the Historic Christ," which will be reviewed by Dr. Albert Buxton. M. A. Hart's lecture will be on "The Training of the Child in the Bible School," and the review will be by C. H. Winters. The closing lecture will be by J. H. Garrison on "The Present Phase of the Christian Union Problem." Lodging and breakfast is offered to all. Prof. Ben Cleaver is chairman of the entertainment committee and all names should be sent to him. A cordial invitation is offered to all to attend. The invitation is broad and includes not only ministers but all interested in the subjects discussed.

R. H. Tanksley, who began work with the church at Neodesha, Kan., on Jan. 1st writes: Have a nice work here in this growing town of over 5,000. We have several factories. The Standard Oil Co. have two large tank farms, over 200 tanks, and large refinery also. Received 1½ times our apportionment for March offering. I am preaching a series of Sunday evening sermons on "Apostolic Conversion." Have had to use chairs in the aisles last three Sunday evenings. Bible school growing. Home Mission school in Smeltertown (a suburb of Neodesha). Preached one evening at Altoona last week and took offering for Foreign Missions. No church there, simply Christian. Though it is a growing town of 2,000 people we have several scattered Disciples. Preached in Congregational church. E. E. Lowe and myself will hold a meeting there this summer and organize. Bro. Lowe preached 2 weeks there last fall.

Grant K. Lewis, secretary of the Southern California Christian Missionary Society, writes from Long Beach, Cal.: The Los Angeles District C. W. B. M. held the largest and most enthusiastic convention in its history, at the Magnolia church last Tuesday. The presence of Miss Grabel of India is a gracious benediction to all our churches, bringing as she does showers of "refreshment from the presence of the Lord." On Thursday, March 1st, the Redlands church entertained the district convention of the C. W. B. M. in Riverside and San Bernardino counties. Delegations were present from nearly every church. Miss Grabel addressed the evening meeting, which was a Missionary rally in the interests of the March offering. Interest in the "supreme work of the church" grows in all our congregations.

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FROM THE FIELD

TELEGRAMS

Connersville, Ind., March 12, '06.—Thirty-seven added here Sunday. One hundred in two Sundays; 163 in 7 days; 210 to date. Deloss Smith sick two weeks with grippe. Percy M. Kendall has had full charge of the music. Bro. Burkhardt is a fearless, tireless worker.—Chas. Reign Scoville.

Syracuse, N. Y., March 11, '06.—Herbert Youell meetings closed to-night. Seventy-six additions. Debt of \$750 cleared. Against all odds greatest meeting in church's history.—Wm. D. Ryan, Minister.

Bloomington, Ind., March 12.—Thirty-one yesterday. One hundred and thirty in first eight days. Four hundred and eleven total number. Expense fund increased yesterday twenty-four hundred dollars per annum. Over half pledged by new members. Converts nearly all adults. We continue.—Brooks Brothers.

ARIZONA

Douglas, March 5.—Four added since last report. All adults. Two confessions, 2 otherwise.—S. W. Jackson.

CALIFORNIA

Acampo, March 5th.—We have a small Bible School of 30 members recently organized. A Bible class, a class of young men and a class of children of 6 to 10 years.—J. P. Dargitz

CHICAGO

Ashland.—This congregation gave a reception to their pastor, W. R. Moffett, on Friday evening of last week. The house was well filled and a general good time was reported. Bro. Kindred, among others, made a few remarks. The outlook is most hopeful and promising.

Chicago, March 5, '06.—Bro. W. J. Wright and L. M. Cooper spent yesterday in our city, holding an afternoon conference with the Executive Board of our Chicago Missionary Society—planning as to the continued help to be extended by the American Christian Missionary Society. Their appropriation may now take the form of providing a superintendent of Chicago Missions and paying his salary. This would be a handsome contribution, as the man who successfully heads this work must be a man of large caliber. Bro. Wright preached for Englewood church in the evening, giving us a ringing gospel sermon—revealing his adaptability to evangelism and his fitness for the high place he has been called to fill in our brother hood. In response to his impassioned appeal one young man confessed the Christ and two united by letter.—W. P. Keeler.

Jackson Boulevard.—Fine services both morning and night. Three confessions in the morning. C. A. Young preached at both services. The pastor, Lloyd Darsie, is in a meeting at Hiram, Ohio. The church has arranged a fine lecture and entertainment course, consisting of six attractions. The first will be given the evening of March 21st. Tickets for entire course only one dollar.

ILLINOIS

Arcola, March 5.—Three additions last night. Seven added in the last two weeks at regular services.—L. T. Faulders.

Springfield, March 6th.—We will begin

a special series of meetings with Shearer and Althide on March 25th. We are hoping for great results.—Rufas A. Finnell.

Pittsfield, March 5.—Nine more added since Bro. H. A. Davis left us; 8 of them by baptism. Davis is a jewel. He does the right thing. There's no discount to him. Twenty-four new names for Endeavor last night. Bible school building up steadily.—B. H. Swan, Supt.

Decatur, March 6.—The Central Church of Christ at Decatur exceeded its apportionment of \$75.00 for Foreign Missions Sunday, and will make the offering reach \$100.00, by far the largest offering in our history. Four more accessions Sunday, making a total of eighty-five since New Year.—F. W. Burnham, Pastor.

Ogden, March 6.—Meeting closed here Sunday, March 4, with 33 additions; 8 since last report; 21 by confession and baptism; 4 by statement; 5 by restoration; 1 by letter; 1 from Presbyterians and 1 from United Brethren. New board of nine organized and church put in order.—J. D. Williams, Evangelist, Lake Fork, Ill.

Blandinsville, March 5.—I terminate my supply work with this church the 1st Lord's day in April. My agreement with the official board here was provisional and tentative and I am convinced that this is not my field. My address will be here till after 1st Lord's day in April. Will be open for lecture engagements and protracted meeting work in May and June.—Chas. H. Caton.

LaHarpe, March 6th.—Closed my first

year's work here with 111 additions, 62 of these coming in from a Union meeting, 49 at our regular services. One of our oldest elders, Bro. C. S. Campbell, passed away last week. He was greatly loved by the church and his place will be hard to fill. The outlook for our work this year is good. All departments of the church are making commendable progress. One addition by confession last Sunday.—L. G. Huff, Pastor.

INDIANA

Brazil, March 5.—Our meeting is running well; 46 additions to date. One thousand people in the service last night.—Jno. W. Marshall, Evangelist.

West Lebanon, March 7.—I am here in a short meeting, and have had 24 additions in 9 days.—L. R. Hotaling.

Wheatfield, March 7, '06.—One accession at Sherbornville, Ill., recently. The young people's meeting which was started about a year ago is flourishing. Five baptisms at Gifford, Ind., recently.—R. M. Marshall.

Bloomington, March 10, 1906.—We have just closed the sixth week of our meeting here, Brooks Brothers, evangelists. We have 380 accessions to date, 254 by primary obedience. The meetings will continue for two weeks longer. Our house has been taxed to its utmost capacity for room. Hundreds have been turned away at Sunday evening services after the members have been requested to stay at home.—Thos. J. Clark, Minister.

Hammond, March 7.—We are happy in constant progress; 4 additions the past

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INDIAN TERRITORY

Stilwell, March 4.—This town is in the eastern part of the Indian Territory, in the Cherokee Nation, on the Kansas City Southern Railroad. It has a population of about 1,200 inhabitants, and is growing very rapidly. We have no church yet, but will have one, we think, in the near future. We have about 48 loyal members who are supporting a minister full time and giving liberally to all our missionary enterprises. There is a fine opening here for the following businesses: A good tailor; a general merchandise stock is for sale at a bargain, and we need a good jeweler very badly. Any or all of these could find good investment and a good location. For further information address Will J. Slater, Minister Christian Church, Stilwell, I. T.

IOWA

Humeston, March 3.—Twenty-four added in one week. Many more to follow. Meeting continues.—Joel Brown, Evangelist; E. B. Cross, Minister.

KANSAS

Elk City, March 6.—Our meeting still continues with great interest and great opposition. We were rained out one night and but few were out the next night. But Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night good crowds were present. Up to date 71 added and meeting continues. J. P. Haner is safe and sound and dauntless. Preaching in kindness and tenderness but firm. Any church securing him as evangelist will make no mistake. Miss Lula Gilliland of Kansas City, Mo., leader of song and soloist. She is fine and will be at liberty to engage in meetings at the closing of this meeting. She comes for free will offerings and railroad fare and entertainment.—J. W. Ball, Minister.

Hutchinson, March 6.—Yesterday was a great day. Went beyond our apportionment. Four additions; 2 by letter, 2 by confession. We begin meeting with James Small as our evangelist on March 18. Expecting great things.—Elmer Ward Cole, Pastor.

Wichita, March 5th.—We closed our meeting yesterday. There were 61 addi-

tions. We have had 82 additions since Jan. 1st. Bro. Frank C. Huston of Indianapolis had charge of the music. Bro. Huston is not only a good leader and soloist, he is real helper. He can do anything that is to be done.—C. F. Stevens, Pastor.

KENTUCKY

Henderson, March 8.—Have been preaching at Baskett, Ky., Tuesday nights lately and have had five confessions there.—Wm. A. Ward.

NEW YORK

Auburn, March 3.—There have been 52 additions to the Church of Christ since Rev. Arthur Braden took up his work here, Nov. 5. There were 5 men who made the start last Sunday evening. Evangelistic services will continue every Sunday evening.—D. R. Goodrich, Clerk.

OHIO

Lima, March 5.—We have just closed a good meeting here at the Wayne Street Church of Christ with 29 additions. Bro. Speer of Hicksville preaching and our pastor, Bro. J. N. Scholes, held a meeting for them at Hicksville with 26 additions. They just exchanged meetings.—W. E. Davis.

Findlay, March 6.—Sixty-one to date at the First Church, 50 in twelve days. We continue.—C. H. Bass, Pastor; R. A. Omer, Evangelist.

Quaker City, March 8.—Our meeting here growing in interest all the while. Two weeks old with 29 accessions; 26 confessions and baptism and three reclaimed. Great crowds and hundreds turned away. We expect great results yet.—J. J. Taylor, Evangelist.

Shelby, March 8th.—The work here is in a hopeful condition. The Sunday School was never so large by half, and the offerings of the school have increased 650 per cent in the last three months. A good deal of this is due to the Wilson-Lintt meeting's after effect, and a good deal of it to our most excellent superintendent, C. E. Coburn. Our new gymnasium and reading room is in a separate building and is altogether a pleasant

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TEXAS

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WEST VIRGINIA

Martinsburg, March 6.—The greatest revival in the history of Martinsburg has just come to an end. W. S. Buchanan was the evangelist and Bert H. Gardner, singer. There were one hundred and sixteen confessions, eighteen added by statement and one reinstated, making a total of one hundred and thirty-five. The meeting lasted twenty-five days and the interest never lagged from the start. The church debt was wiped out on Sunday, and at the Sunday afternoon meeting Bro. Buchanan sealed his work by securing pledges from the new members for regular contributions to the current expense of the church. In consecrative devotion to his work, clear headedness, and all the requisites of a great evangelist, W. S. Buchanan is without a superior. He is destined to accomplish a mighty work in his chosen field.—Frederick D. Kershner.

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THE PRAYER MEETING.

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the man that committed it? The easy method is to condemn the evildoer and to feel no concern for his welfare. And so it is with personal injuries. Like beasts we seek to inflict pain upon him that has injured us. It is so easy to forget that the author of the injury is a human being with rights we are bound to respect. We destroy his reputation, we alienate his friends, we give him needless misery. "But justice must be satisfied." Certainly, but let it be justice and not blind rage.

I shall treat of one other saying. The reader will find every word of Jesus on the cross rich in meaning. Some of them are for meditation rather than for discussion. "Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit." The brutal crowd about the cross mocked Jesus because of his trust in God. They supposed God would not allow one whom he loved supremely to suffer. To them the sufferings of Jesus were evidence that his confidence in God's love for him was vain. Foolish men! They knew little of God. Jesus knew God. In the darkest hour of his life he committed himself with unshaken and glad confidence to his Father. Here is faith that knows no defeat. Can we appreciate it? Let us think of the betrayal, the desertion of the disciples, the malignity of the Jewish leaders, the brutality of the soldiers and the multitude, the agony of the cross, and then try to realize the meaning of the words, "Into thy hands."

INDIANAPOLIS LETTER.

Austin Hunter.

D. R. Lucas held an interesting meeting of three weeks at the Seventh church, resulting in forty additions.

The West Park church dedicated the chapel of their new building March 4th. L. I. Mercer of Hoopston, Ill., was master of ceremonies. This is the youngest church in the city and is flourishing under the leadership of W. P. Smith. They have had seventy-five additions since the first of the year.

The Hillside church where O. E. Tomes ministers held a short meeting recently with twenty-one added.

The movement for the great simultaneous evangelistic campaign next November is vigorously on. The organization has been completed and the committees are busily at work. Some of the leading evangelists have already been procured. Tomlinson has been engaged for the Sunday afternoon meetings. The first rally will be addressed at the Third church March 15th by W. J. Wright. The work in Indianapolis, always strong and vigorous, will doubtless experience such an uplift as it has not had for years. Many surrounding churches are joining the movement.

The Ministers' Association was addressed Feb. 26th by C. B. Newnan on "The Gathering and Use of Illustrative Material." C. A. Young of The Christian Century was present and made an interesting talk on the Anderson revival.

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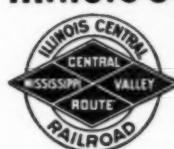
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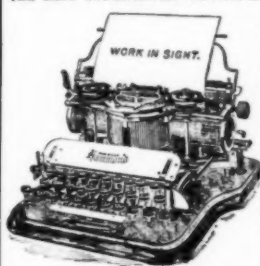
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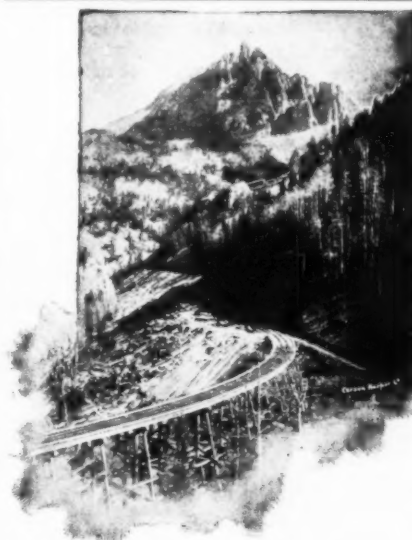
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The Impending Death-Roll

A TERRIBLE famine is sweeping over the northeastern provinces of Japan, leaving heartrending suffering in its track. Unless rescue speedily reaches the stricken victims, conservative estimates fix the impending roll-call of Death at a figure exceeding the entire loss on Manchurian battle-fields, counting the wounded and missing as dead.



AN OLDER SISTER

As much land was tilled as in former years. The same care was lavished upon it, but when harvest time came, the rice crops (the staple food of the people) were a total failure, as a result of too little sunshine and too much rain.

The Japanese are an industrious, proud, and unusually brave people, and their Government

shrank from exposing their pitiable plight to the world; they so lately filling the role of conqueror before onlooking nations, were unwilling to turn suppliant. But when poverty became destitution; when tens of thousands in those provinces of the North supported life by the grass and roots of the field, and a million of their own people stood in imminent peril of starvation, the officials admitted that quick and abundant aid from without would be thankfully welcomed. The reports from Japan, which describe a large part of the population in the famine provinces as "reduced to subsistence on roots of trees, leaves, bark and acorns," add that "over half a million are facing extreme conditions and must succumb unless help is speedily given."

Reports of Eye-Witnesses

The few instances cited below will afford a general idea of the magnitude and intensity of the havoc already wrought among this ambitious and industrious people, who have demonstrated that they are well worth saving.

Mr. W. E. Lampe and Mr. J. H. De Forest made a trip to Kurihara Co., and found the county in a fearful condition, indeed, the worst in the province. Death will soon be the portion of the greater part of the population if food is not speedily sent to these starving and despairing people. Out of 92,756 population, 41,541 are starving.

The village of Ichi-hasama has a population of 5,356. Their average crop is 8,340 koku, but this year only 183! The number of destitute people is 3,736 (two-thirds of the whole), and the amount of miserable food they have on hand is estimated to last them thirteen days. After that —? God knows!

Condition of the Provinces

In a communication to the *Japan Times*, a Japanese draws a very graphic and touching picture of conditions in the famine provinces. He says:

"The rigorous winter set in much earlier, in real earnest, and will stay very much longer. At present, thousands of children and aged folk are face to face with biting cold, and the cruel pangs of hunger. The scene is harrowing enough even to imagine, but it is torture, long-drawn, miserable death to many of the actors in it.

We know that the authorities in the three afflicted prefectures are doing all in their power to relieve suffering. Only let them at once have money or food, and multitudes will escape death from hunger and cold."

The President Appeals

So ominous is the outlook, that President Roosevelt has been moved to address an appeal to the American people in behalf of the suffering nation, in which he says:

"The famine situation in northern Japan is proving much more serious than at first supposed, and thousands of persons are on the verge of starvation. It is a calamity such as may occasionally befall any nation. Nations, like men, should stand ever ready to aid each other in distress, and I appeal to the American people to help from their abundance their suffering fellow-men of the great and friendly nation of Japan."

A Prayer for the Starving

The Christian residents of Japan, both natives and foreigners, are wrought to keen and widespread sympathy with the desperate straits of the people of the famine-stricken section. An



Happy Japanese Children Before the Famine Came

expression of their fervid interest is conveyed in the form of prayer appointed by the Protestant Episcopal bishop of Japan for daily use during the famine, inspiring all to self-denial and the ministry of service:

"Almighty and merciful God, Maker and Father of all men, upon whom the eyes of all do wait that thou mayest give them their meat in due season; look with pity, we pray thee, upon thy children in this land who are perishing from hunger. Fill us with compassion for the suffering that we may abound in sympathy and kindness. Make us willing to deny ourselves that they may be fed. Help us to bear the burdens of the weak, and to minister to the wants of all. Grant that this mind may be in us which was also in Christ Jesus, who came not to be ministered unto but to minister. Save us from pride and selfishness, and fill us with consideration and humility, for the sake of thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

If We Hesitate, They Are Lost

There are those to whom the miseries of the world are misery, and will not let them rest.

Thank God that this is true! Already the big American heart has guided the willing hand to the purse-strings, and contributions have begun to pour in from every quarter, sent us by many who never rest when the "miseries of the world" are brought before them. We have no fear but that the help so desperately needed will come, in Scripture measure—"pressed down and running over," but it is difficult for us to grasp the urgent need of quick action. We must stem the tide with an almost feverish haste, or thousands—yes, tens of thousands—will be swept away by the overwhelming flood ere we can stretch a hand to save them. Think, think of mothers bound to the



A JAPANESE MOTHER

little ones they bore, by cords of love just as strong and undying as yours, who, today, this moment, heedless of the clutching grip of hunger tearing at their own vitals, are hopelessly and helplessly watching the bright, beautiful hopes of their poor, narrow lives, starve to death before their haggard eyes. "That love has a broken wing which cannot fly across the ocean." Send yours forth upon strong pinions to enfold the shrunken baby form over which some other mother yonder is bending with breaking heart!

The Fatal Blow

Advices received from the steamer *Athenian*, via British Columbia, show that the fatal blow has fallen, and that hundreds of persons, including women and children, are already perishing from starvation, aggravated by the bitter cold.

Help Them Ere They Die

We urge upon each and every reader of *THE CHRISTIAN CENTURY* to join the life-saving crew, and to throw out to these starving people the life-line before it is too late. Pray that God's people everywhere may realize the importance and urgency of the case, and may willingly and cheerfully give, even as God has prospered them. Young People's Societies, Epworth Leagues, Christian Endeavorers, work earnestly, for the night of death threatens to enshroud a nation. You can give the clouds a silver lining, and you will do it. This is the King's business. It requires haste. Every day's delay may prove fatal. Let us, then, be up and doing. He that sitteth in the heavens looks down and watches us.

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